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MEMORANDUM FOR: DOD-JNDPG Participants; DoD/DHS LRR JPO Participants

FROM: HQ ACC/A3A-DoD/DHS LRR JPO

SUBJECT: Interim Policy on Proposed Windmill Farm Locations

- 1. At the direction of Congress, the Secretary of Defense is tasked to submit a report on the effects of windmill farms on military readiness. This report is to include an assessment of the effects of windmills on the operations of military radar installations, proximity of windmill farms to such installations and of the technologies that could mitigate any adverse effects on military operations.
- 2. To accomplish this assignment, the DOD has formed the DOD Wind Farm Action Team under the direction of Dr. John M. Stubstad (SES) Director, Space & Sensor Technology, Office of the Deputy Under Secretary of Defense (S&T).
- 3. The 2 Mar 06 meeting of the DOD Wind Farm Action Team included several other Federal Departments and Agencies. Numerous issues discussed, included the effects of windmill farms on the operations of air defense and homeland security primary radars. The proximity of wind farms appear to be a critical issue on the effects on radar assets and any mitigation that may be required. Thus, the Program Managers of the DOD/DHS Long Range Radar Joint Program Office presented its intent to establish an interim policy on proposals to locate windmill farms near primary radars.
- 4. The DOD/DHS Long Range Radar Joint Program Office Interim Policy is to contest any establishment of windmill farms within radar line of site of the National Air Defense and Homeland Security Radars. This is to remain in effect until the completion of the study and publishing of the Congressional Report.
- 5. Direct questions to Mr. Kenneth Kingsmore 757-764-4392 or Mr. Russell Wright 757-764-4508.

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